

THE AMERICAN DREAM

Miss Detrick and Mrs. Poole- American Literature

1. What do the song lyrics have in common? What ideas do they present on the "American Dream?"
2. What ideas do the song lyrics NOT have in common? How do some of the lyrics differ from the others?
3. What are the motivating factors in each song which express reasons people, especially those from other countries, love America?
4. Why do you think people wanted to come to America? What were their motivations?
5. What are your personal goals and desires related to the concept of "The American Dream?"

Your Mission: Create a final product describing the idea of "The American Dream."

Choose one of the following final products:

1. Create a song/poem expressing your view of "The American Dream" similar to either of the songs. Must be at least 5 verses of 4 lines.
2. Create a mobile expressing your view of "The American Dream." Use symbols and words to describe your ideas.
3. Make a "dictionary" of the dream, either yours or in general. You must use every letter of the alphabet, and each letter should stand for one aspect of the dream. For instance, "A" could represent affluence, meaning you would consider affluence a significant part of the dream. For the letter X, Q, and Z, the word does not have to start with the letter; it could be contained in the word, such as "pizzazz." You should illustrate each letter of the alphabet. Mount each letter on a separate piece of construction paper and bind the entire book together.